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Durum	34	13	28
Oats	11	3	21
Barley	38	17	45
Triticale	28	22	53
Flax	1	0	4
Canola	14	5	33
Mustard	49	30	52
Sunflowers	0	0	19
Lentils	78	65	85
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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Much of the week was dry but some areas received rain ranging from trace to 71 mm (CD 1A). The average rainfall was 15 mm (CD 1A), 4 mm (CD 1B) 3 mm (CD 2A), 5 mm (CD 2B) and 6 mm (CD 3ASE).

Ninety seven per cent of fall rye and 96 per cent of winter wheat have been harvested in the region. As well, 94 and 82 per cent of field pea and lentil, respectively, have been harvested. Fifty-three per cent of mustard and 48 per cent of barley have been harvested. Twenty nine per cent of spring wheat, 25 per cent of canola, 24 per cent of durum and 20 per cent of oats have been harvested. Only eight per cent of canary seed and one per cent of flax have been harvested.

Crop reporters are estimating the following average yields for their region: winter wheat yields 39 bu./ac., spring wheat 34 bu./ac., durum 37 bu./ac., oats 64 bu./ac., barley 58 bu./ac., fall rye 34 bu./ac., triticale 30 bu./ac., flax 21 bu./ac., canola 30 bu./ac., sunflower 1350 lb./ac., lentils 1390 lb./ac., field peas 36 bu./ac., canary seed 1,340 lb./ac. and chickpeas 950 lb./ac. Seventy one per cent of spring wheat is reported as No. 1 grade while 27 per cent is reported as No. 2 grade.

Topsoil moisture conditions have declined from last week. For cropland topsoil moisture conditions, the region is reporting 80 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture conditions are 67 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and two per cent very short. CD 1B is rating nine per cent of cropland and hay and pasture land as very short in topsoil moisture.

Much of the crop damage was caused by grasshoppers (CD 1A and 2B) and sawfly (CD 1A). Some wind damage (RMs 68 and 151) and hail damage (RM 68) were reported.

Harvesting operations are continuing, although heavy dew in the mornings and in the evenings has resulted in some short combining days. Crops that have been swathed are slow to dry down due to the high humidity.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

The region was generally hot and dry for most of the week until Sunday and Monday, when heavier rainfall fell in some areas. Rainfall ranged from trace to 25 mm with an average of 7 mm.

Over 86 per cent of fall rye and 98 per cent of winter wheat have been harvested in the region. Ninety nine per cent of field pea and 92 per cent of lentil have been harvested. Mustard, barley, canola, spring wheat, durum and oats are reported as 74, 72, 68, 55, 47 and 35 per cent harvested, respectively. Triticale and canary seed are reported at 30 per cent harvested while flax and chickpeas are sitting at five and three per cent, respectively.

The region's crop reporters are estimating the following crop yields for their region: winter wheat 30 bu/ac, spring wheat 30 bu./ac., durum 32 bu./ac., oats 45 bu./ac., barley 44 bu./ac., fall rye 32 bu./ac., triticale 33 bu./ac., flax 17 bu./ac., canola 24 bu./ac., mustard 813 lb./ac., lentils 1,211 lb./ac., field peas 26 bu./ac., canary seed 900 lb./ac. and chickpeas 1,130 lb./ac. Eighty four per cent of spring wheat is reported as No. 1 grade while 15 per cent is reported

as No. 2 grade. A few CD reported 100 per cent No. 1 while others reported up to 50 per cent No. 2.

Topsoil moisture conditions have declined from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture was reported as two per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land are rated as 51 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and 18 per cent very short. Crop District 3BS is reporting 33 per cent very short on both cropland and hay and pasture lands. Crop District 4B is reporting 10 per cent very short on crop land and 50 per cent very short hay and pasture land.

Much of the crop damage was caused by grasshoppers, sawfly and wind. Crop Districts 3BS and 3BN also reported gopher damage. Crop damage due to drought was reported in CDs 3BN and 4B.

Good harvesting weather in most areas although some areas are being delayed by moisture on the ground and dewy conditions in the morning. Others are reporting that they are past the danger of frost damage.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6A)

Warm dry weather for most of the week with scattered thundershowers in some areas. Rainfall ranged from trace to 35 mm, averaging 8 mm. Mornings and evenings were characterized by dew resulting in shortened harvest time.

Eighty per cent of fall rye and 81 per cent of winter wheat have been harvested. Eighty one per cent of field pea and 47 per cent of lentil have been harvested. Barley and chickpeas are reported at 38 and 37 per cent harvested, respectively, while 15 per cent of mustard and spring wheat, and 13 per cent of canola have been harvested. Only 12 per cent of durum and five per cent of oats have been harvested. Less than one per cent of flax has been harvested in the region.

The region's crop reporters are estimating the following crop yields for their region: winter wheat 39 bu./ac., spring wheat 36 bu./ac., durum 35 bu./ac., oats 75 bu./ac., barley 61 bu./ac., fall rye 26 bu./ac., flax 22 bu./ac., canola 31 bu./ac., mustard 1,140 lb./ac., lentils 1,530 lb./ac., field peas 40 bu./ac. and canary seed 1,100 lb./ac. Seventy one per cent of spring wheat is reported as No. 1 grade while 22 per cent is reported as No. 2 grade, with considerable variability between areas. .

Topsoil moisture conditions have declined from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture was reported as five per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, 12 per cent short and two per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land are rated as five per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 23 per cent short and six per cent very short. Crop District 6A is reporting six per cent very short on crop land and 14 per cent very short on hay and pasture land.

Much of the crop damage was caused by grasshoppers and wind. Sawfly damage was reported only in the RM of 190. Crop damage due to wind and rain was reported in CD 6A, while hail damage was reported in RMs 185, 339, 341 and 343.

Harvesting is in full swing in some areas, while progress is slow in others due to morning and evening dew.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Warm, dry weather most of the week, but there was some rain on Monday. On average, the region received 3 mm, ranging from a trace to 17 mm.

Ninety eight per cent of fall rye and 85 per cent of winter wheat have been harvested. Eighty-three per cent of field pea, 65 per cent of lentil and 48 per cent of chickpeas have been harvested. Barley and mustard are reported at 21 per cent harvested, while 15 per cent of canola and triticale and 10 per cent of spring wheat and oats have been harvested. Only eight per cent of durum and one per cent of canaryseed have been harvested. Although no flax has been combined, seven per cent of the flax crop has been swathed. Eighty six per cent of spring wheat is reported as No. 1 grade while 12 per cent is reported as No. 2 grade. A few CDs reported 100 per cent No. 1 grade while other areas have reported as much as 50 per cent No. 2.

The region's crop reporters are estimating the following crop yields for their region: winter wheat 22 bu./ac.; spring wheat 31 bu./ac.; durum 30 bu./ac.; oats 56 bu./ac.; barley 50 bu./ac.; fall rye 22 bu./ac.; triticale 35 bu./ac.; flax 20 bu./ac.; canola 27 bu./ac.; mustard 1,000 lb./ac.; lentils 1,460 lb./ac.; field peas 34 bu./ac.; and canary seed 1,100 lb./ac.

Topsoil moisture conditions have declined from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture was reported as 60 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and 11 per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land are rated as 47 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 16 per cent very short. Crop Districts 6B and 7B are reporting 16 per cent very short on crop land and 20 per cent very short on hay and pasture land.

No crop damage was reported in CD 7A. However, crop damage was reported in some areas due to grasshoppers (RMs 285 and 350A); hail (RMs 284, 285 & 350B); wind (RM 285); drought (RMs 352 and 379); and sawfly (RM 379).

Many farmers have started harvesting. Uneven crop ripening has caused swathing and desiccating problems. There are reports of farmers who have swathed all crops for greenfeed. There are reports of slow dry-down of swaths.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Sunny and warm weather with no rain until Monday. The region received on average 11 mm ranging from trace to 25 mm.

Over 99 per cent of fall rye and 89 per cent of winter wheat have been harvested. Sixty eight per cent of field pea, 65 per cent of lentil and 34 per cent of barley have been harvested. Nine to ten per cent of spring wheat, canary seed, oats and durum have been harvested. Only four per cent of canola and three per cent of mustard have been harvested. Four per cent of flax has been swathed or is ready to straight combine.

Crop reporters are estimating the following crop yields for their region: winter wheat 45 bu./ac., spring wheat 38 bu./ac., durum 37 bu./ac., oats 80 bu./ac., barley 68 bu./ac., fall rye

35 bu./ac., flax 22 bu./ac., canola 32 bu./ac., mustard 970 lb./ac., lentils 1,140 lb./ac., field peas 42 bu./ac. and canary seed 1,000 lb./ac. Eighty seven per cent of spring wheat is reported as No. 1 grade while 13 per cent is reported as No. 2 grade. A few CDs reported 100 per cent No. 1, while other areas have reported as much as 40 per cent No. 2.

Topsoil moisture conditions have declined from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture was reported as four per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate, and 20 per cent short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land are rated as 57 per cent adequate and 30 per cent adequate on hay and pasture land.

Crop damage was reported in some areas due to hail (RM 372), wind (RMs 372 and 457) and geese (RM 372).

Harvesting activities continue – steady for some but slow for others due to moisture. Rain at the end of the period is blamed for slowing down harvesting progress.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Warm, dry weather with no rain for most of the week. The region received on average 10 mm ranging from trace to 47 mm, most or all of which fell on Monday.

Eighty two per cent of fall rye and 57 per cent of winter wheat have been harvested. Seventy two per cent of field pea, 18 per cent of barley, nine per cent of canola, eight per cent of spring wheat and four per cent of oats have been harvested. One hundred per cent of the canary seed and flax are reported as still standing.

Crop reporters are estimating the following crop yields for their region: winter wheat 29 bu./ac., spring wheat 36 bu./ac., oats 76 bu./ac., barley 62 bu./ac., fall rye 25 bu./ac., flax 26 bu./ac., canola 28 bu./ac., field peas 39 bu./ac. and canary seed 750 lb./ac. Seventy seven per cent of spring wheat is reported as No.1 grade, while 15 per cent is reported as No. 2 grade. A few CDs reported 100 per cent No. 1 while other areas have reported lower grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions have declined from last week. Cropland topsoil moisture was reported as 72 per cent adequate, 22 per cent short and six per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay and pasture land are rated as 47 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and 10 per cent very short. Crop Districts 9B is reporting 14 per cent very short on crop land and 19 per cent very short on hay and pasture land.

Crop damage was reported in some areas due to grasshoppers (RM 388), wind (RM 498) and drought (RM 502).

Harvesting progressed well until the rains came on Monday. Most producers are still hoping for warm dry weather in the next couple of weeks in order to make progress.

Wheat				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	2	2	96
SW	2	0	0	98
EC	7	3	10	81
WC*	0	1	0	85
NE	0	4	7	89
NW	26	6	11	57

*14 per cent is rated as 'other' - crop that will not be harvested due to weather, insect or disease damage.

Fall Rye				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	0	2	0	97
SW*	0	0	3	86
EC	8	7	6	80
WC	1	1	0	98
NE	0	0	0	100
NW	17	0	0	82

*11 per cent is rated as 'other'

Spring Wheat				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	28	27	16	29
SW	21	8	16	55
EC	45	30	11	15
WC	57	24	10	10
NE	58	16	17	10
NW	45	29	18	8

Durum				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	44	22	10	24
SW	30	9	16	47
EC	54	21	12	12
WC	73	13	6	8
NE	35	40	12	9
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Oats				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE*	42	31	2	20
SW**	24	8	8	35
EC	66	25	4	5
WC***	62	21	4	10
NE	69	15	7	9
NW****	62	26	2	4

*5 per cent is rated as 'other', **25 per cent is rated as 'other'***4 per cent is rated as 'other', ****6 percent is rated as 'other'

Barley				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	14	28	7	48
SW	13	5	6	72
EC	27	25	11	38
WC	56	12	9	21
NE	33	23	9	34
NW	33	40	9	18

Canola				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	12	60	3	25
SW	8	22	2	68
EC	18	69	1	13
WC	13	70	1	15
NE	26	65	5	4
NW	20	71	0	9

Triticale				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	70	30	0	0
SW*	11	4	11	30
EC	0	100	0	0
WC	52	15	18	15
NE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* 44 per cent is rated as 'other'

Mustard				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	29	11	7	53
SW	12	3	11	74
EC	34	41	11	15
WC	45	32	3	21
NE	12	67	18	3
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lentil				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	10	4	4	82
SW	5	1	2	92
EC	18	14	21	47
WC	18	9	8	65
NE	25	3	8	65
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Field Pea				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	2	3	2	94
SW	0	0	1	99
EC	2	8	9	81
WC	6	2	10	83
NE	20	5	8	68
NW	10	7	11	72

Chickpeas				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	74	9	4	13
SW	97	0	1	3
EC	33	3	27	37
WC	45	0	7	48
NE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Canaryseed				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	73	18	1	8
SW	51	2	17	30
EC	96	3	1	0
WC	91	7	1	1
NE	81	6	4	10
NW	100	0	0	0

Flax				
	% standing	% in swath	% ready to straight combine	% combined
SE	90	5	4	1
SW	92	1	2	5
EC	95	3	1	1
WC	93	7	0	0
NE	96	2	2	0
NW	100	0	0	0

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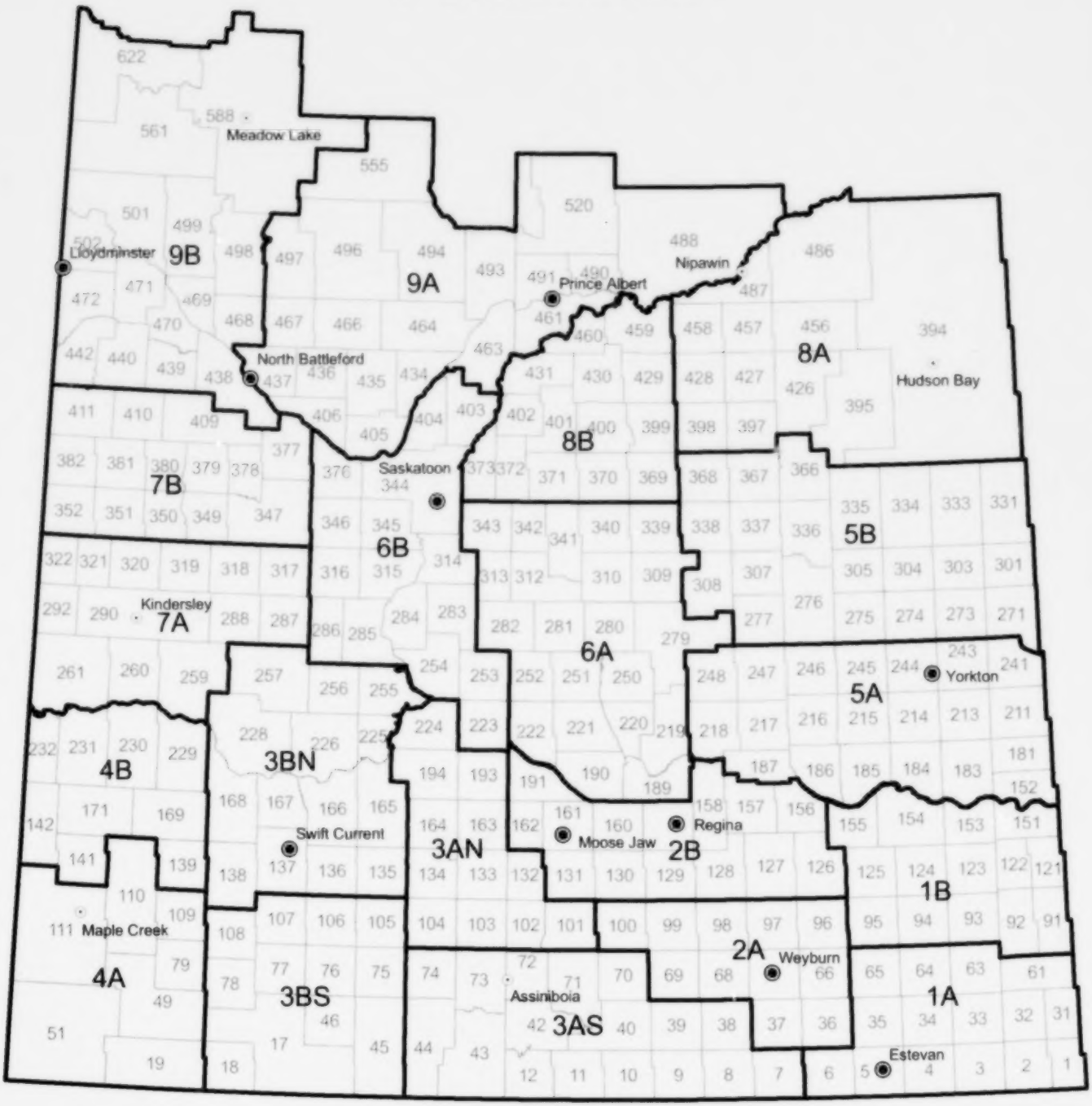

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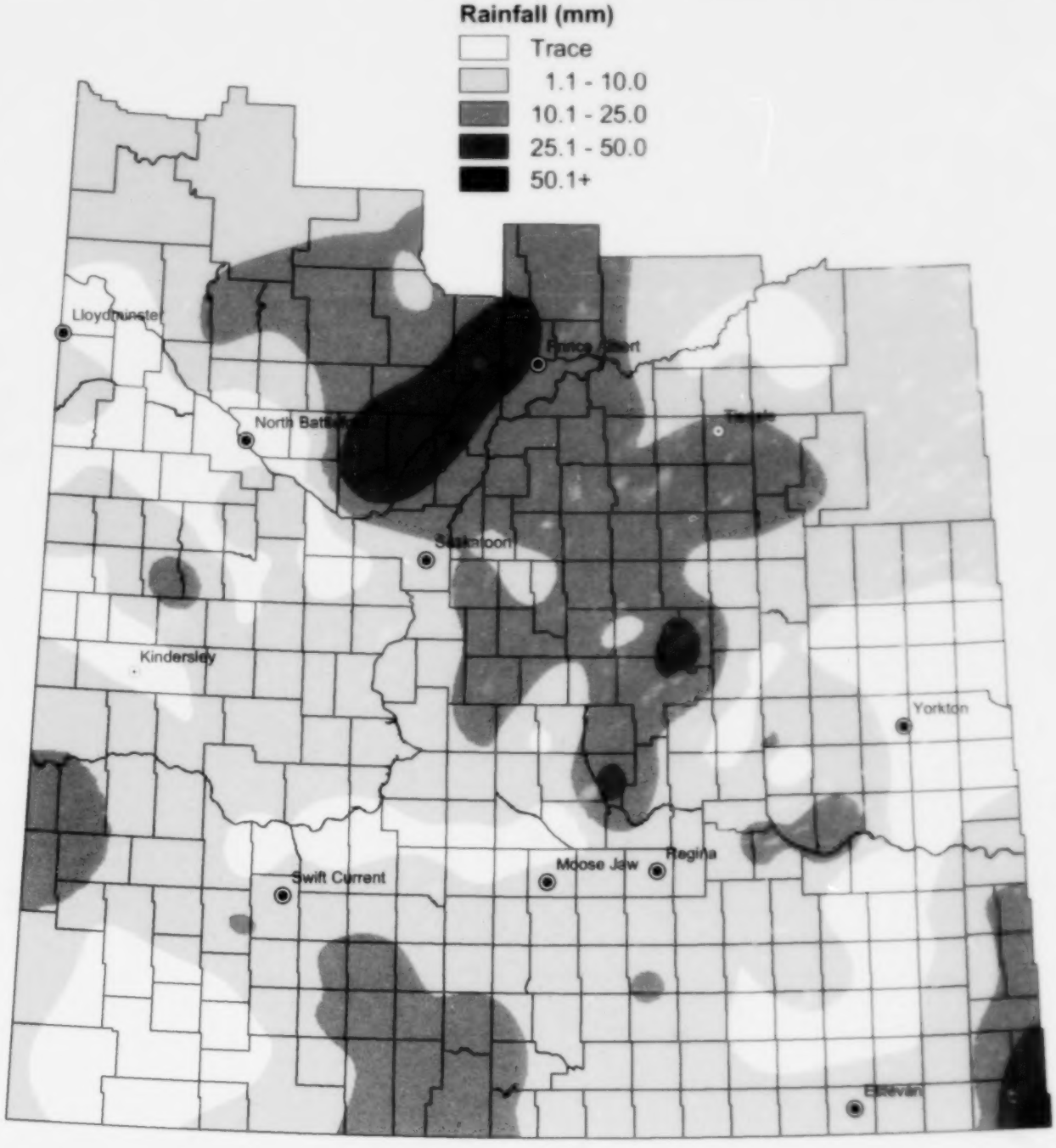
for the week ending September 14, 2009



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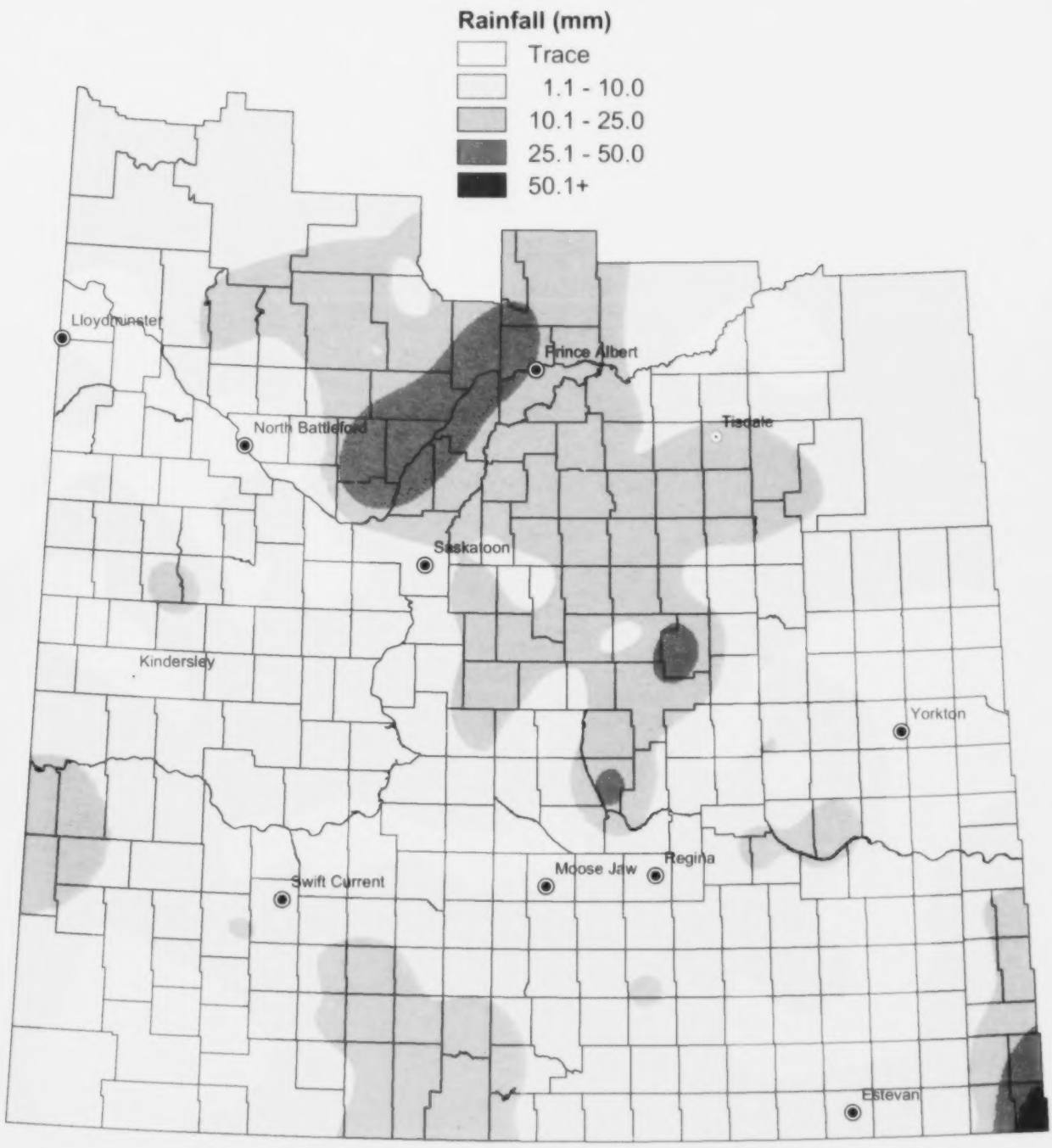

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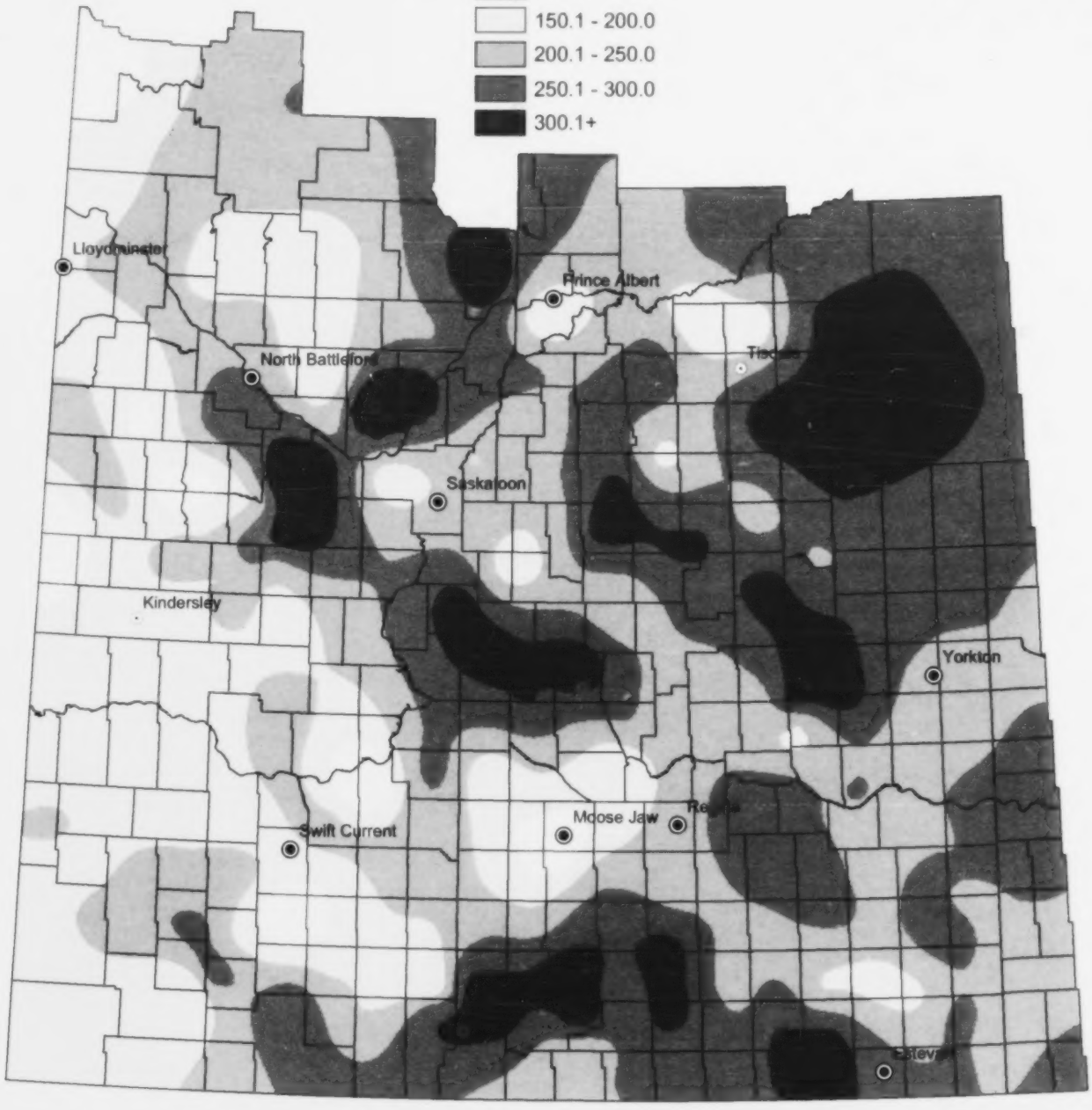

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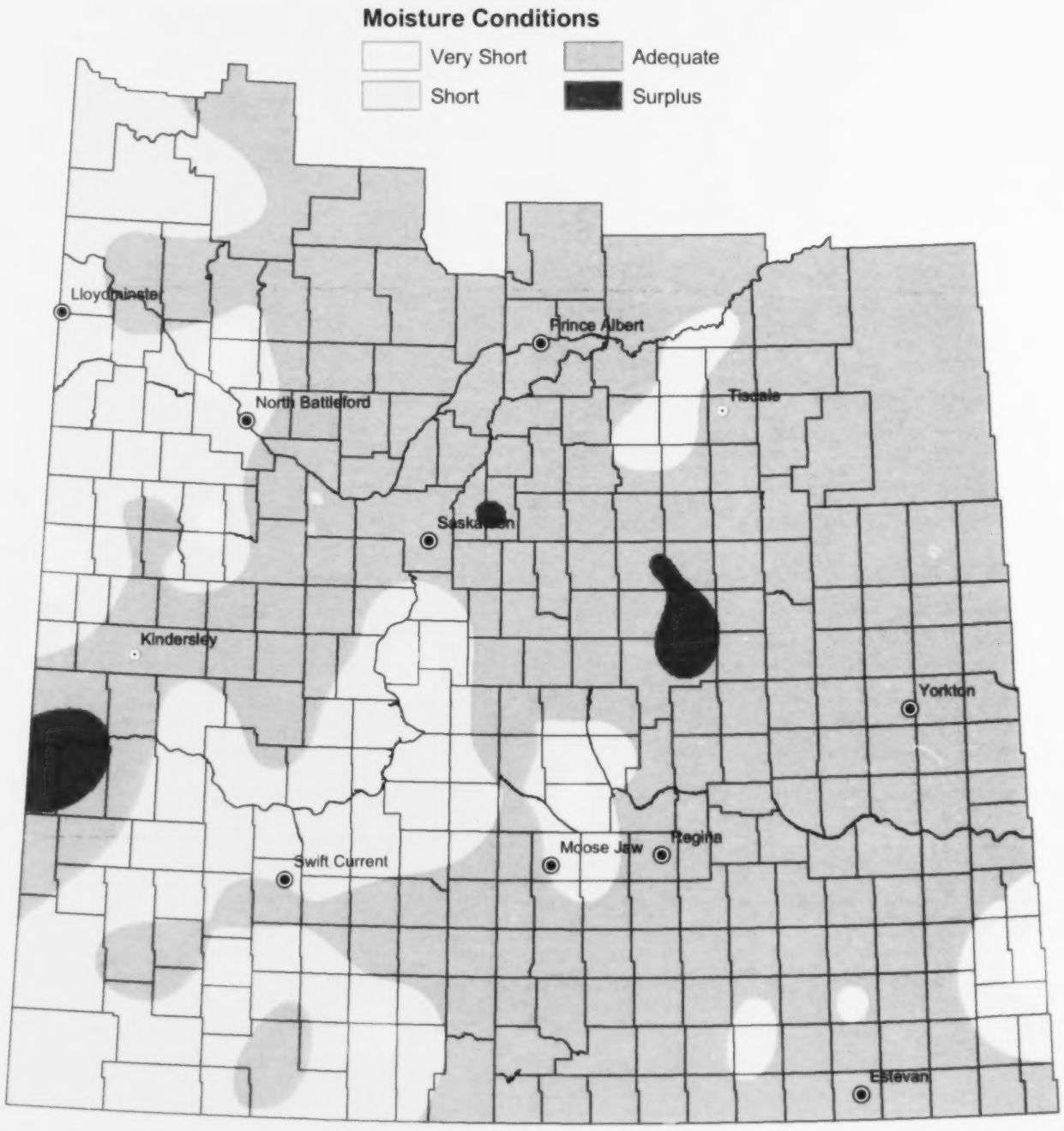
September 15, 2009



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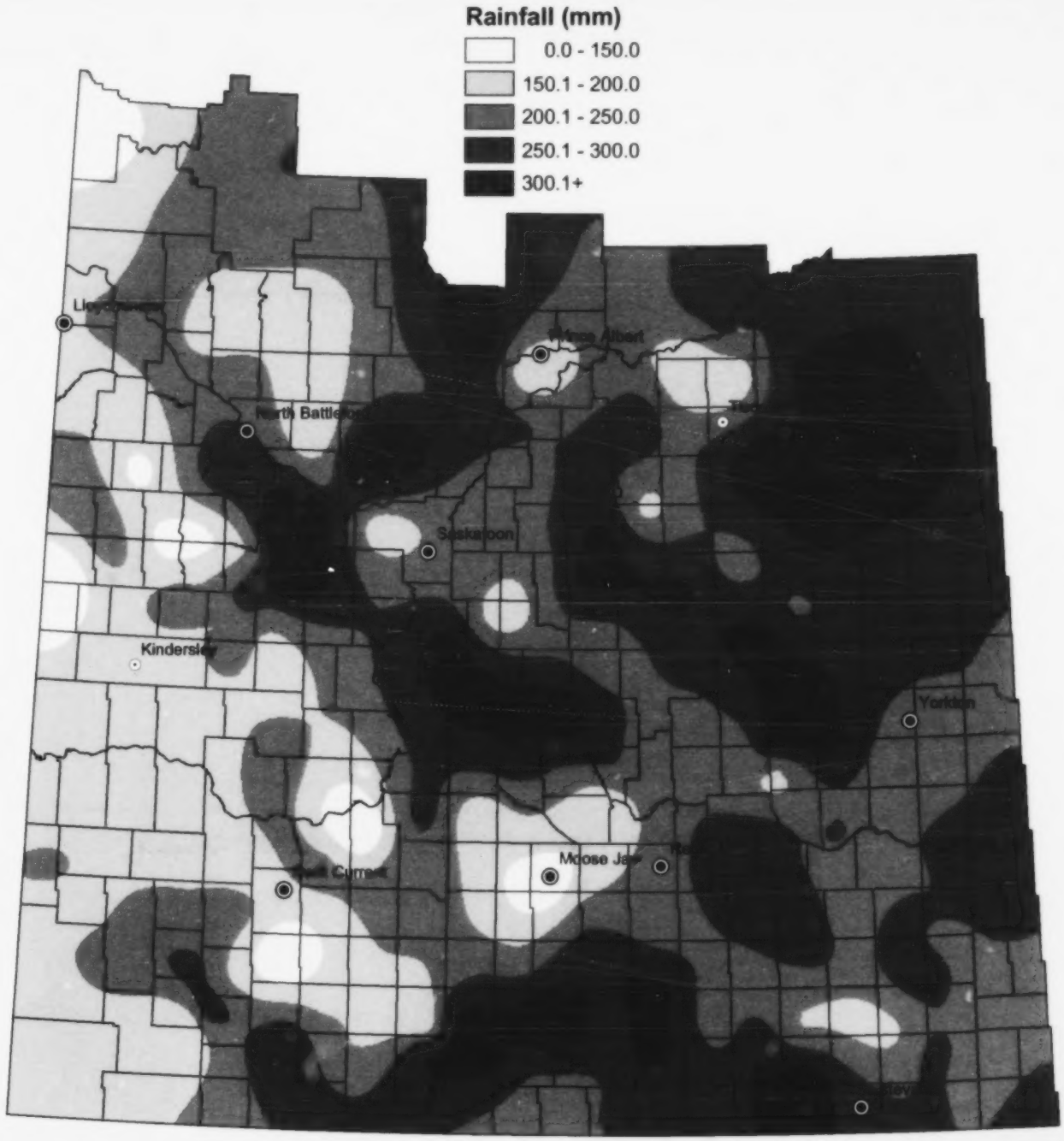

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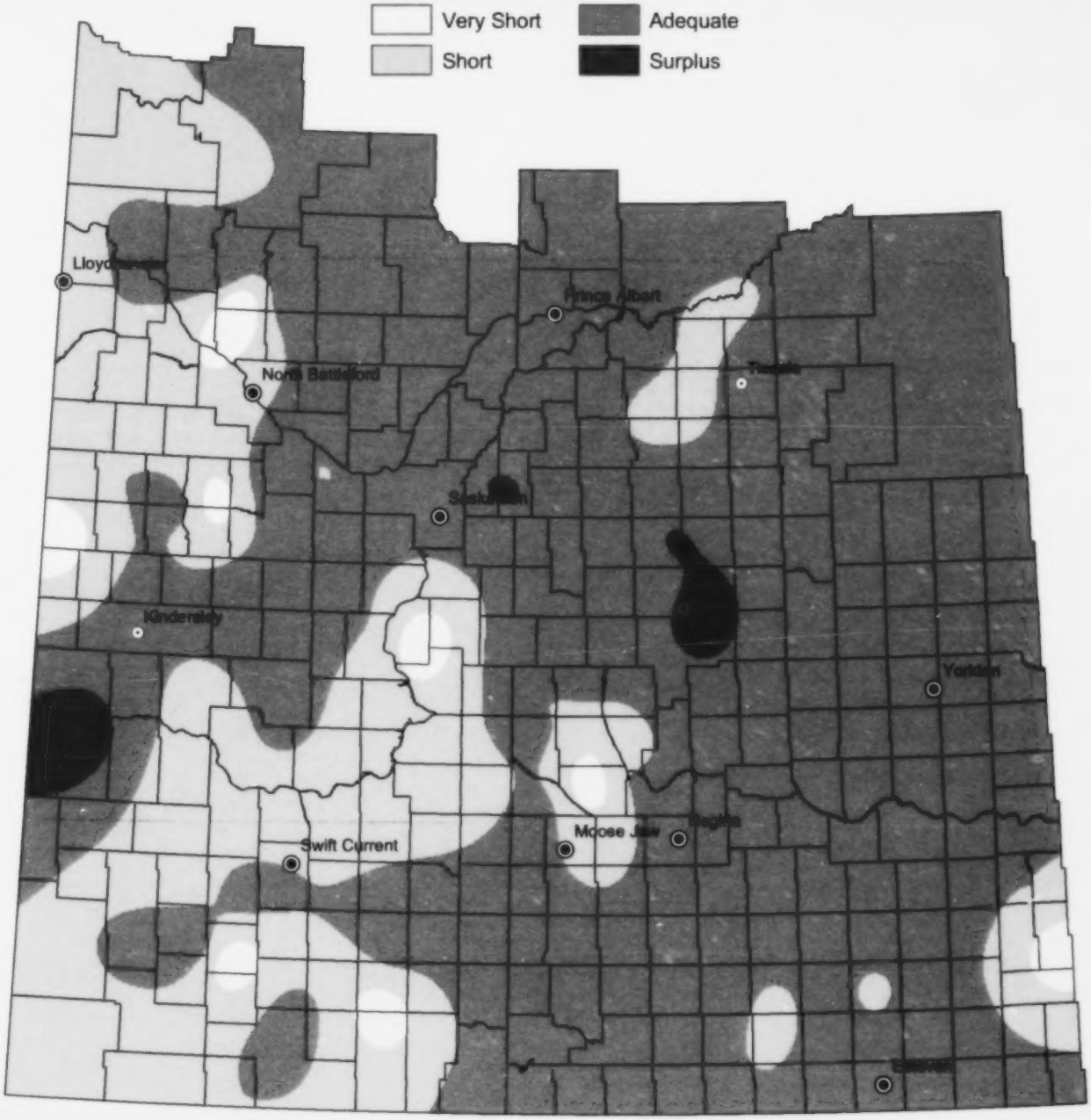

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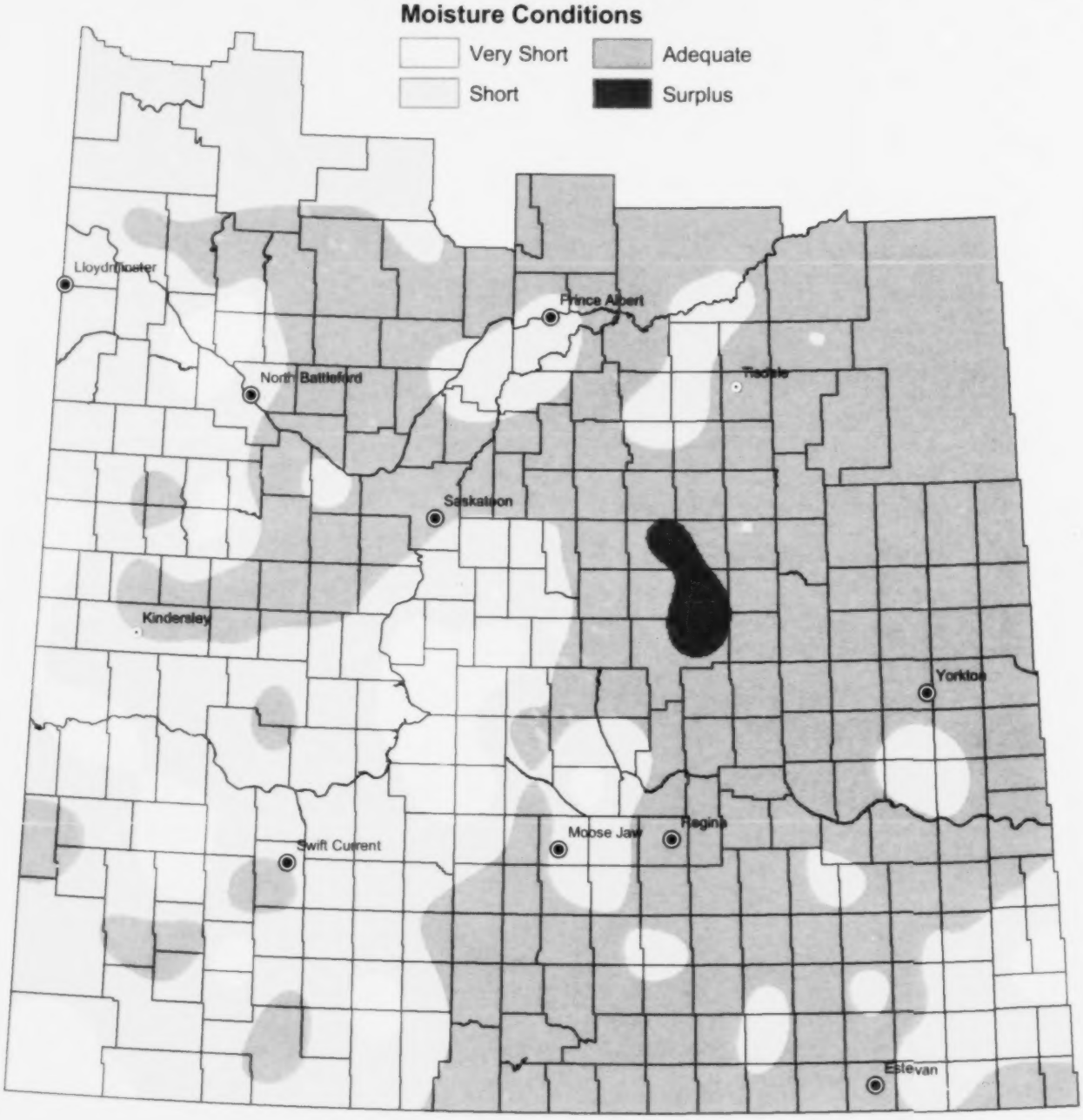

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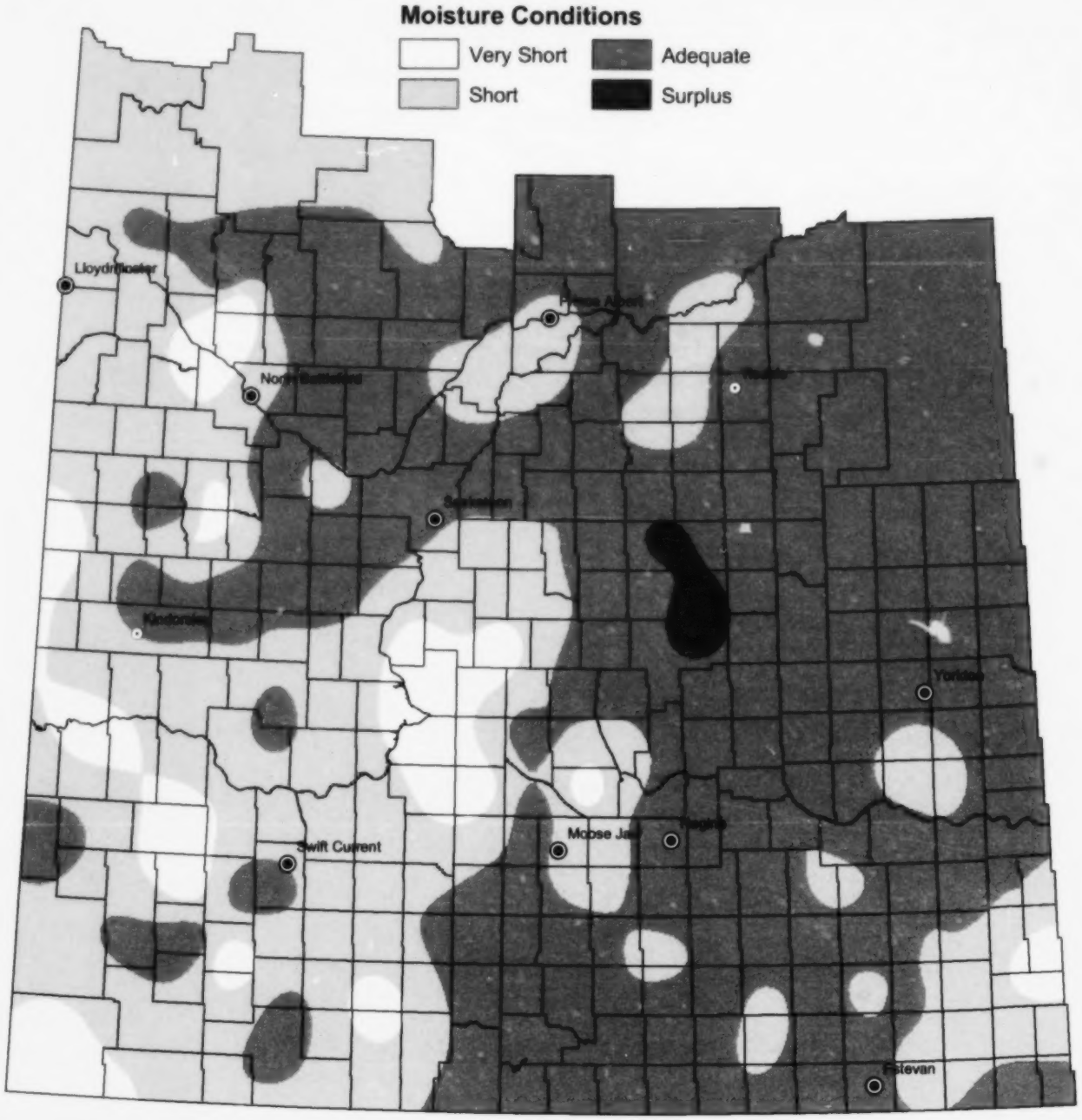

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